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SUBJECT: TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON JOINT TECHNICAL TEAMS
ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

1. RESPONSE TO GOJ PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR JOINT
U.S./JAMAICA ECONOMIC TEAMS PASSED TO JAMAICAN EMBASSY
DCM STIMPSON APRIL 18. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. "EXCELLENCY:

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER
NO. 6/7/15.1 DATED MARCH 25, 1977, TRANSMITTING DRAFT
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE UNITED STATES/JAMAICAN JOINT
TECHNICAL TEAMS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THE
OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND
COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL
INTEREST, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF MARCH 6.
IT REMAINS A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
JAMAICA TO DEVELOP A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT
WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF BOTH NATIONS.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT YOUR
SUGGESTED DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE PROVIDE A VALUABLE

START TOWARD THE WORK OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL TEAMS.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTENT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OFFERS THE FOLLOWING AMPLIFYING COMMENTS ON ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK AND OBJECTIVES OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL TEAMS:

"1. THE IMPRESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ENVISION THE WORK OF THE TEAMS IN TWO PHASES. A FIRST HIGH-LEVEL GROUP WOULD BE FORMED SHORTLY AFTER THE EMERGENCY PRODUCTION PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS FIRST JOINT TEAM WOULD REFINE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND STUDY RECENT ECONOMIC MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA, LEADING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRELIMINARY SCOPE OF WORK AND IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS TO BE STUDIED FURTHER. IT WOULD ALSO EXPLORE THE ADVANTAGES AND MODALITIES OF INVOLVING OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES AT SOME APPROPRIATE POINT.

"2. THIS INITIAL GROUP WOULD BE FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY FORMATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP WHICH WOULD UNDERTAKE A DEEPER ANALYSIS AND INVESTIGATION, LEADING TO THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT COVERING THE FIVE AREAS RAISED IN YOUR LETTER.

"3. AS WAS DISCUSSED DURING FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO IDENTIFY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND THE EMERGENCY PRODUCTION PLAN. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE JOINT TEAMS WOULD EXAMINE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL AND EXTERNAL FINANCING FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. AS REGARDS TRADE AND RELATED ISSUES, THE TEAMS WOULD IDENTIFY POSSIBLE MECHANISMS TO ASSIST JAMAICAN PRODUCERS TO TAKE GREATER ADVANTAGE OF MARKET OPPORTUNITIES IN AREAS OF EXISTING TRADE. THE TEAMS WOULD ALSO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY NEW AREAS OF TRADE AND POSSIBLE MECHANISMS FOR THEIR PROMOTION.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AGREES THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ENABLE THE JOINT TECHNICAL TEAMS TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF MAY. THIS IS, OF COURSE, TENTATIVE AND MAY HAVE TO BE ALTERED AS CIRCUMSTANCES UNFOLD.

"ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY

HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

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